

Amendments to the Claims

Please add new claims 69 and 70. Please amend claims 35-68 as follows:

Claims 1-34 (CANCELLED).

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of loading preselected information data for display on a computer monitor by running ~~a stand alone computer~~ an application program that is stand alone independently of other programs on a computer, the application program being configured to detect the occurrence of a wait event ~~or wait condition~~ caused by at least one other program being run on the computer, the wait event resulting in the computer indicating that the computer is in a busy state while the computer ~~a user having to wait for the computer to complete~~ completes at least one processing tasks task commanded from one ~~or more~~ at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run on the computer, the method comprising:

- A. detecting a the wait event occurring in at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run on the computer by sensing a the wait event ~~condition~~ and loading a ~~preselected~~ selected information datafile, the detection of the wait event occurring independently of the at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run by the computer and not requiring any modification of the at least one other ~~programs~~ program;
- B. displaying information from the selected information datafile on the computer monitor during ~~the occurrence of~~ the wait event; and
- C. suspending display of information when the wait event has ended.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 further comprising the selection of at least one ~~any one or more~~ of the following user preferences comprising: the a type of information for display as a window; ~~and prioritising the~~ a priority of display of different types of information; ~~the~~ a duration of display of information; ~~or a~~ frequency of display of information; the a number of said windows; ~~the~~ a position and size of the window ~~the windows;~~ the a contrast background of the windows; the a transparency level of the a background of the windows; and ~~the~~ a colour of the windows.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 further comprising the selection of a corner anchor point that determines the position of ~~the~~ a window for display on ~~the~~ a desktop of the computer monitor screen, the selection of a position on the monitor results in ~~the~~ a corner of the window closest to the position selected becoming ~~the~~ a corner anchor point from which windows appear in a cluster.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 further comprising step D: of resuming display of the selected information datafile when a further wait event is detected.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 38 further comprising step E. of loading a second ~~or-subsequent~~ information datafile for display ~~after the first information datafile has been displayed or~~ when the user chooses to load the second ~~or the~~ subsequent information datafile.

40. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 36 further comprising a means for adjusting the display time in accordance with a user's reading speed and the ~~length or amount~~ of information to be displayed.

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 comprising a means for selecting an information datafile for use as a teaching tool, the teaching tool means allowing a user to select preferences ~~such as~~ including at least one of: the subject matter; a set of questions; ~~a~~ and degree of difficulty ~~with of the subject matter;~~ and ~~the~~ a sequence of display of each of said question set of questions; and a sequence of display of an associated answer.

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 comprising a means for obtaining information data in a form capable of being displayed on a monitor from a really simply syndication (RSS) feed obtained from a computer host server via a communications network and caching the information ~~or~~ data on a computer hard drive for presentation in a display window at a subsequent wait event.

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 42 wherein the a time interval between receipt of updated information from ~~a~~ the RSS feed is automatically adjusted based on recent changes to content in the information data being received by the RSS feed.

44. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 42 wherein in step B₂, queries for details of updated information relating to the RSS feeds ~~are~~ feed is regularly sent to an internet based computer web servers, and such queries are monitored and ~~the a~~ query rate is adjusted based on ~~the a~~ threshold of intrusion on ~~the a~~ network bandwidth applying to the computer.

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 42 further comprises a ~~means to search~~ search means for searching for information on particular goods ~~and/or and~~ and services specified by a user through the RSS feeds, and the search means being adapted to communicate with an internet based search engine.

46. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon ~~program embodied on a computer-readable medium for use with a computer for~~ loading preselected information data for display on a computer monitor by running ~~a stand alone computer~~ an application program that is stand alone independently of other programs on a computer, the application program being configured to detect the occurrence of a wait event caused by at least one other program being run on the computer, the wait event resulting in the computer indicating that the computer is in a busy state while the computer a user having to wait for the computer to complete ~~completes~~ at least one processing tasks task commanded from ~~one or more~~ at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run on the computer, ~~the computer program comprising~~ the instructions, when executed by the computer, at least direct the computer to:

- a. ~~detecting a~~ the wait event occurring in ~~other programs~~ the at least one other program being run on the computer by sensing ~~a~~ the wait ~~event condition~~ and loading a ~~preselected~~ selected information datafile, the detection of the wait event occurring independently of the ~~other programs~~ at least one other program being run by the computer and not requiring any modification of the ~~other programs~~ at least one other program;
- b. displaying information from the selected information datafile on the computer monitor during ~~the occurrence of~~ the wait event; and
- c. suspending display of information when the wait event has ended.

47. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46 further comprising~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the computer is further directed to perform the preliminary step i: of allowing a user to select preferences from ~~any one or more~~ at least one of the following user preferences comprising: the a type of information for display as a window; the a duration of the window of information for display; the a number of windows; the a size of the window; the a contrast background of the window; the a transparency level of the a background of the window; and the a colour of the window.

48. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46 further comprising~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the computer is further directed to perform step d: of resuming display of the selected information datafile when a subsequent wait event is detected by way recommencing at the a point where it display of the selected information datafile was suspended ~~at the end of~~ when the wait event ended, and continuing with step b: until step c: reoccurs.

49. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 48 further including~~ The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein the computer is further directed to perform step e: of loading a second ~~or-subsequent~~ information datafile for display ~~after the first information datafile has been displayed or when the user chooses to end the first~~ selected information datafile and load the second ~~or-subsequent~~ information datafile.

50. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 47~~ The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein the preliminary step i: includes preselecting ~~any one or more~~ at least one information datafiles from a library of datafiles, the at least one information datafiles comprising at least one of information, ~~and/or text,~~ and/or ~~and~~ graphics, ~~and/or audio material~~ in a format suitable for display on a computer monitor.

51. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step b: ~~the~~ a time period for display of information in a window ~~before the~~ a next frame is shown is automatically adjusted given a user's reading speed and ~~the~~ an amount of information being presented during ~~a~~ the wait event.

52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein ~~the~~ information ~~provided for display~~ displayed in step b: is obtained from ~~a~~ an RSS feed and cached on a computer hard drive for presentation in a display window at a subsequent wait event, and wherein the a time interval between receipt of updated information from ~~a~~ the RSS feed by ~~a~~ the computer is automatically adjusted based on recent changes to content in the selected information datafile being received by the RSS feed.

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step b: queries for details of updated information relating to the RSS feeds are regularly sent to internet based computer web servers, and such queries are monitored and ~~the a~~ queries rate is adjusted based on ~~the a~~ threshold of intrusion on ~~the a~~ network bandwidth applying to the computer.

54. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46 further comprising a means~~ The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein ~~the computer is further directed~~ to search for information on particular goods ~~and/or~~ and services specified by a user through the RSS feeds, and wherein the ~~search means~~ computer is adapted to communicate with an internet based search engine.

55. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 47~~ The computer readable medium of claim 47, wherein in step i: a user can select an origin point for anchoring a corner of ~~the a~~ display window, the origin point of the display window being ~~the a~~ corner of the display window that is nearest to a corner of ~~the a~~ desktop of the computer monitor.

56. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step b: the selected information datafile includes information prepared as a sequence of questions and associated answers on a particular subject, and wherein a set of questions and answers on a subject form an information datafile.

57. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 47~~ The computer readable medium of claim 47, wherein at least one of a the number of questions, a and/or the degree of difficulty of the questions, a and/or the sequence of display of each said questions, and an associated answer from each said information datafile is selectable by a user.

58. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein each selected information datafile is displayed ~~sequentially or~~ randomly.

59. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein ~~the a~~ window display is adapted as a personal notepad on a the computer monitor to allow a user to upload data ~~or information~~ onto the personal notepad to generate a personal note, and the personal note is stored for later display at at least one of a predetermined future date and time as a reminder, ~~or~~ displayed and during a wait event.

60. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 25~~ The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein each said the personal note generated is assigned a file category, and each said ~~the~~ personal note and each said the file category is retrievable and updateable.

61. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 59~~ The computer readable medium of claim 60, wherein ~~each said a~~ file category is assigned a different colour to distinguish one file category ~~of said personal note~~ from another category.

62. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step i: the application program is adapted to allow a user to ~~encrypt and lock~~ limit access to the selected information datafiles ~~and RSS feeds only to~~ to only authorised users of such information datafiles.

63. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to of claim 35, wherein the preselected information data is obtained and stored ready for display when required, and wherein a user manually runs the application program to display the preselected information data at any desirable time.

64. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~[[A]]~~ The method according to of claim 35, wherein the stand-alone-computer application program is not embedded in the ~~other programs~~ at least one other program for which wait events are being detected.

65. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] ~~The method according to of~~ claim 35, wherein in step A, the wait event condition is detected by sensing at least one of any one or more of the following activities, the activities being a trigger sent from another program to the operating system of the computer, or a change in a cursor status, and or by a change in the activity state of an application-specific icon.

66. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] ~~The method according to of~~ claim 35, wherein in step A, the wait event condition is detected by sensing any one or more of at least two activities at least two of a trigger sent from another program to the operating system of the computer, a change in a cursor status, and a change in the activity state of an application-specific icon.

67. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] ~~The method according to of~~ claim 35, wherein in step A, the wait event condition is detected by sensing any one or more of three activities a trigger sent from another program to the operating system of the computer, a change in a cursor status, and a change in the activity state of an application-specific icon.

68. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the stand alone computer application program is not embedded in the at least one other program other programs for which wait events are being detected.

69. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the computer indicates that the computer is in a busy state by changing an indicator displayed on said computer monitor.

70. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the computer indicates that the computer is in a busy state by changing an indicator displayed on said computer monitor.